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SUBJECT: FRENCH COMMUNISTS JOIN HARDLINE GAULLISTS IN  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST INCREASED EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

SUMMARY. IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE TINDEMANS REPORT,  
FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF) SPOKESMEN ARE NOW VOICING  
OPPOSITION TO THE ELECTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BY  
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UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE. THE PCF IS USING THE SAME NATIONAL-

ISTIC ARGUMENTS BEING VOICED BY HARDLINE GAULLISTS LIKE MICHEL DEBRE AND ALEXANDER SANGUINETTI. END SUMMARY.

1. IN A RADIO INTERVIEW JANUARY 19, PCF GENERAL SECRETARY GEORGES MARCHAIS WAS ASKED TO COMMENT ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. HE SAID, "WE CATEGORICALLY REJECT THIS PROPOSAL, WHICH CONSTITUTES A VERY GRAVE ATTACK ON FRENCH SOVEREIGNTY. SUCH A PARLIAMENT WOULD BE DOMINATED BY A MAJORITY OF POLITICIANS BEHOLDEN TO MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS. IN ADDITION, SUCH A PARLIAMENT WOULD BE DOMINATED BY WEST GERMANY," MARCHAIS CONCLUDED.

2. IN A SEPARATE PRESS INTERVIEW, PCF POLITICAL BUREAU MEMBER JEAN KANAPA CHARGED THAT THE ELECTION OF A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BY UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE WILL "SUBJECT THE FRENCH PEOPLE TO FOREIGN LAWS." "WE COMMUNISTS," KANAPA ADDED, "WILL NEVER COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. IF THE SOCIALIST PARTY SUPPORTS THE PROPOSAL, THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM."

3. COMMENT: THESE PCF DECLARATIONS AGAINST FURTHER EUROPEAN INTEGRATION TRACK WELL WITH RECENT HARDLINE GAULLIST STATEMENTS ON THE SAME SUBJECT. ALEXANDER SANGUINETTI, ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE GAULLIST OPPOSITION TO UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE ELECTIONS OF A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, HAS TAKEN NOTE OF THIS CONVERGENCE OF VIEW, AND HAS INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO JOIN FORCES WITH THE PCF ON THIS ISSUE. SOME OBSERVERS ARE ALREADY SAYING THAT THE PCF WILL ATTEMPT TO BUILD ON ITS NEW-FOUND SINGLE-ISSUE SOLIDARITY WITH THE HARDLINE GAULLISTS TO CALL FOR A UNION OF THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE, THUS NEATLY END-RUNNING THE MORE ELECTORALLY POWERFUL SOCIALISTS. THE QUESTION THEREFORE PROMISES TO BE A LIVELY ONE IN FRENCH INTERNAL POLITICS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.

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